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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") dated July 9, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to the claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 on the grounds that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance.